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REPORT NO.1. Kalinkovichi, Belorussia (52°07'N, 29°20'E)

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A small town and railroad junction with "lively" freight traffic. Kalinkovichi is connected to Mozir (52°02'N, 29°16'E) by an asphalt highway 6-8 m. wide which was in very good condition as of date of information. Close to Mozir, where the first houses of the town stand, the road leads over a bridge 400 m. long across the Pripyat River. This bridge, of sturdy wooden construction, was destroyed during the early stages of the war but was later rebuilt by the Germans.

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2. Veliki Bokov (12 kms SSE of Mozir) (See Attachment A)

In 1944 an airfield, about 1,000 x 800 m., was built a few hundred meters from Veliki Bokov, a small village consisting of only a few houses. The airfield is about 100 meters west of the road connecting Mozir and Veliki Bokov. The soil of the airfield is sandy. A concrete runway, about 50 meters wide, runs along the side which is farthest from the highway. The concrete has been poured on a rolled gravel bed. A 7-8 meter-wide asphalt strip has been laid along the airfield on the side closest to the highway. The asphalt was poured over a rolled gravel bed, which in turn covers a wooden block pavement. The wooden block pavement consists of pine trunks, cut in lengths of about 40-50 cm. with a radius (sic; diameter?) of about 15 cm., set close together with the cross section facing the ground. Between the airfield and the highway, about ten large barracks were built into the ground so that only the tops are visible above the ground. Some of the barracks are covered by trees, and many new trees have been planted around the airfield. There are no woods or hills in the close vicinity of the airfield which would interfere with landings. Veliki Bokov is connected to a railway station 7-9 km. away by a dirt road which is in rather poor condition. [REDACTED] the airfield would be enlarged, as a flying school was to be estab. zoned there. Erection of billets for the trainees was planned first. Source knows of no technical installations on this field.

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3. Pskov, Leningrad Oblast (57°45'N, 28°24'E)

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- a. **Airfield:** The airfield of Pskov is 3 km. SSE of the town on the right side of the road leading to Ostrov ($57^{\circ}20'N$, $28^{\circ}20'E$). The labor battalion engaged in repairing the airfield was housed in a wooden barrack compound on the left side of the road across from the airfield, a few hundred meters closer to Pskov. About 1 km. northeast of the compound are bombproof shelters used by the German General Staff during the war. The airfield begins at the southern end of the military garrison (see Attachment B and paragraph below). At this end of the field there are three large hangars, in front of which is a continuous concrete apron at least 100 meters wide. Each of the hangars is large enough to house four 4-motored airplanes. The runway on the western side of the airfield is half asphalt and half concrete. A narrow concrete strip runs along the opposite side of the field. At the southern end of the airfield are a great number of concrete shelters sunk in the ground and covered with soil and grass. [redacted] state the number or even the size of these shelters. He knows, however, that they are connected with each other through underground corridors. As of date of information, there were several bomb craters on the field which needed to be filled.

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- b. **Military Garrison:** The main highway Ostrov-Pskov-Leningrad does not cross the town of Pskov; the town is connected with the main highway by a road $2\frac{1}{2}$ km. long. At the juncture of these roads there is a military garrison ('voien gorodok') which covers an area of approximately 500×600 meters and consists of several stone buildings. At the time that [redacted] was there, the compound housed a GUAS NKVD unit (Glavnoe Upravlenie Aerodromnovo Stroitelstva - Chief Administration of Airfield Construction).

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- c. **Military Casern:** The main road which leads from the Leningrad highway into the center of the town crosses a bridge over the Velikaya River. About 300 meters from this bridge, on the right side, is a large military casern.

- d. **Army Warehouse:** An army warehouse, which covers about 1,000 square meters and is used as a clothing dump, is located on the left side of the highway leading out of Pskov in a southwesterly direction. It is on the edge of the town, adjacent to the cemetery.

- e. **Road from Airfield to Railway Station:** From the western side of the airfield there is a road leading in a northwesterly direction. [redacted] heard that this road leads to the Pskov railroad station, 2 or $2\frac{1}{2}$ km. away. He has never covered the distance.

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- f. **Brick Factory:** [redacted] observed a large brick factory 3-4 km. south of the airfield on the left of the Pskov-Ostrov highway and about 500 meters off the road.

4. **Tartu, Estonia ($58^{\circ}23'N$, $26^{\circ}45'E$)** [redacted] 25X1A

25X1A Tartu is divided into two parts by the Emajogi River. [redacted] recalls that the airfield is located near that section of the town in which there is no railway station. [redacted] Comment: According to our maps, this is the northern edge of the town and an airfield is indicated in this district.) The airfield is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ km. long. [redacted] is unable to recall the width of the field. He remembers having seen two hangars, in front of which was a continuous concrete apron 60-80 m. wide. His battalion widened this apron by 7 meters.

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5. **Novosokolniki, Kalinin Oblast ($56^{\circ}20'N$, $30^{\circ}10'E$)** [redacted] 25X1A

25X1 [redacted] relates that when he was travelling from Pskov through Eno ($57^{\circ}50'N$, $29^{\circ}37'E$) to Nevel ($56^{\circ}01'N$, $29^{\circ}56'E$), the train passed through Novosokolniki. He cannot remember whether it was before this railway station or after it that he saw, on the right side of the railroad, a huge field covered with airplanes as far as he could see. He was unable to observe whether this field was used only as an airplane dump or as a regular base.

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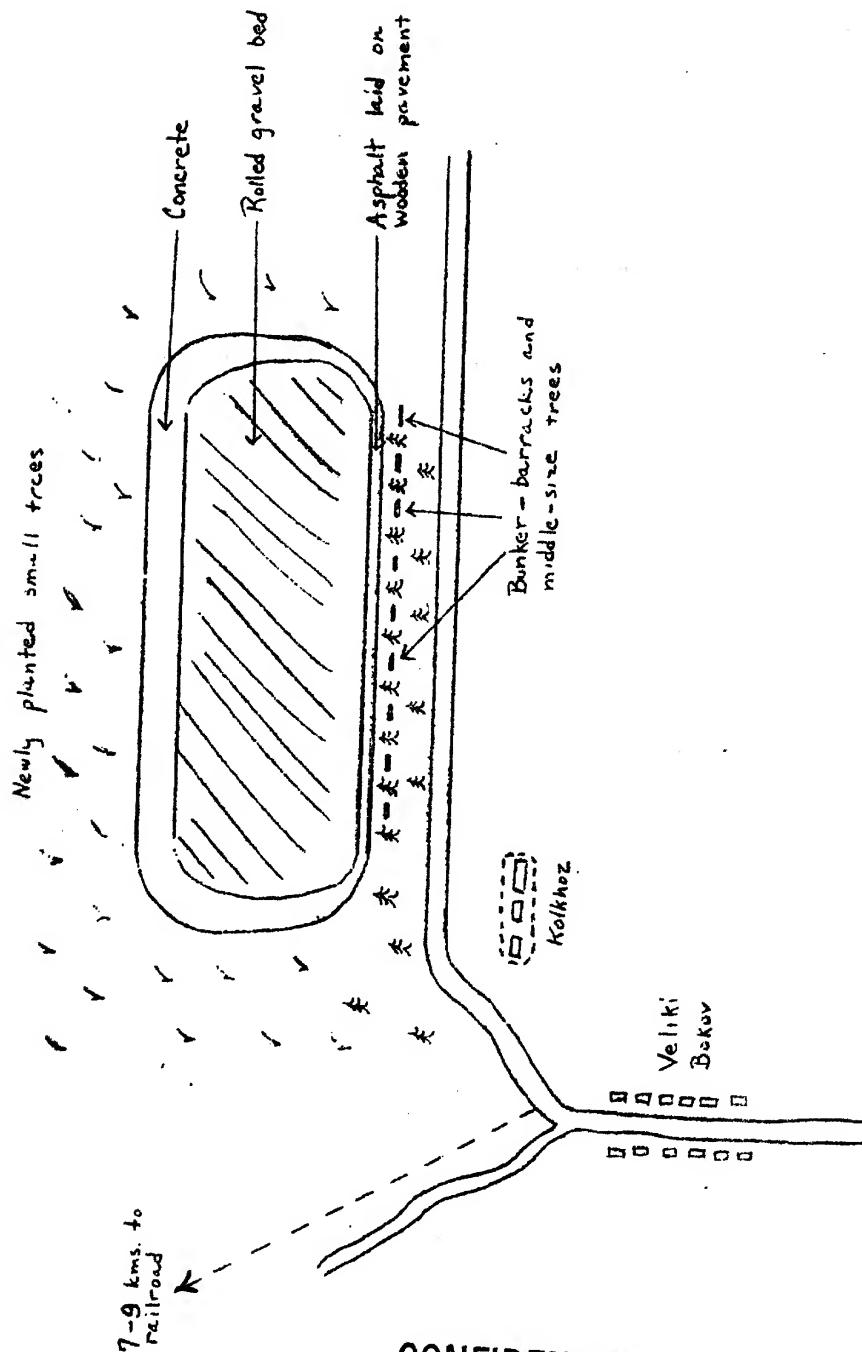
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ATTACHMENT A: Veliki Bokov Airfield

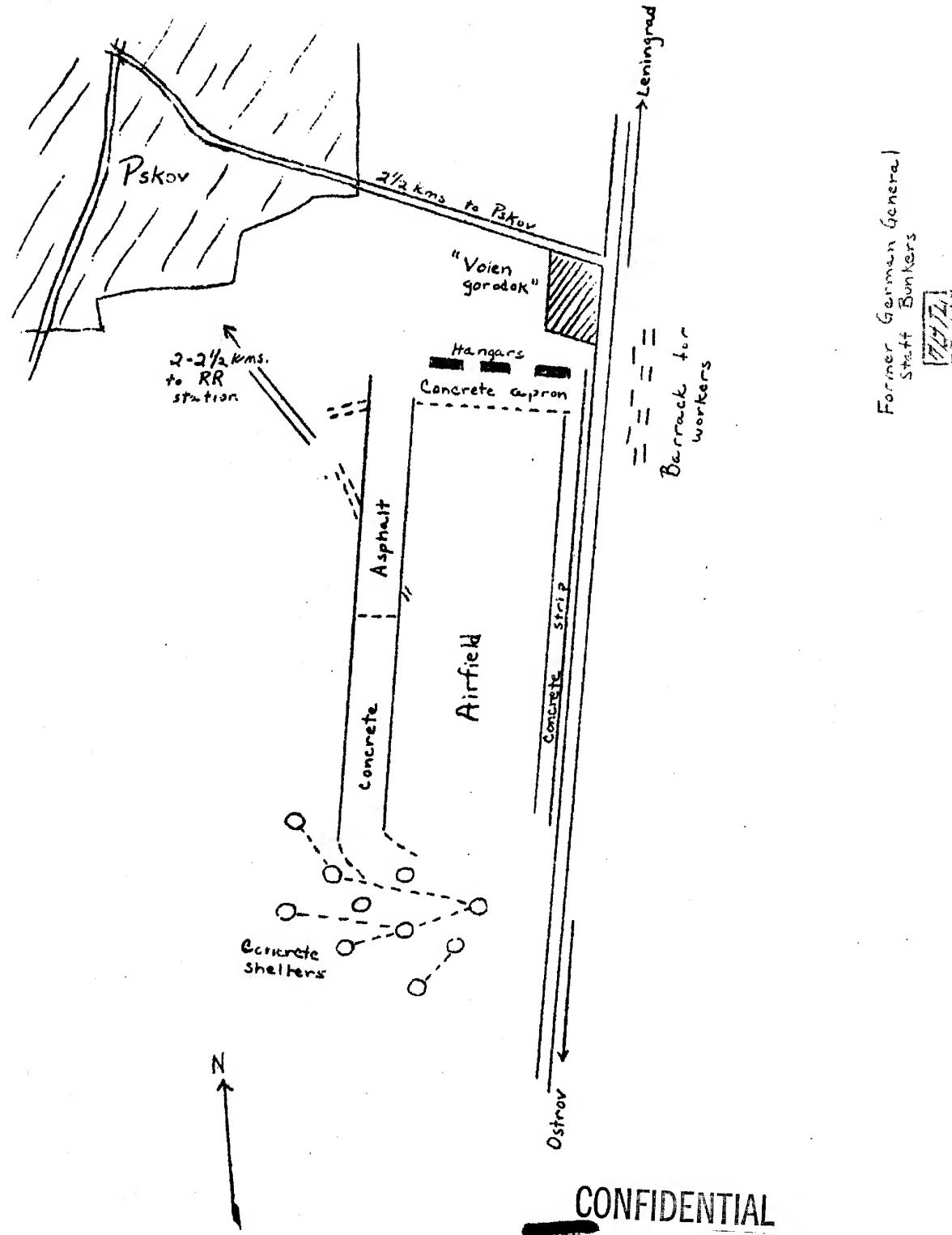
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ATTACHMENT B: Pskov Airfield



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